



Cohasset's New Reservoir

## School Board Chips Away

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"It is in vogue now, it is to them what books were to us. We're in a computer world."

Committee member Frank England questioned Math Department head Charles Davis, "I wonder if we're going hog-wild on this audio/video thing. What's the reason for buying this mini-computer instead of using the old Wang computer?"

David responded, "I could eliminate the computer and the readout and new textbooks. But you have to rely on the integrity of the person writing the budget."

Maloney attempted to direct the Committee back to the overall statistics of expenditure comparisons for instructional support items over the past three years. "We can

argue \$50 in one department and \$75 in another all night long. This is the bottom line," he said of the \$150,265 proposed sum total of all items excluding salaries which is down from this year's \$163,993.

However, another debate over the affects of the use of computers and calculators on school children took place. England claimed that technological aids are making it easier on students and they are losing the ability to think. Committee member Pat Walsh attested that her ninth grade

daughter didn't know how to find square roots any longer because she had become so reliant on a calculator. Davis maintained that the use of such equipment did not imply laziness, but rather that it avoided computational anxiety so that students could get on to the more important concepts behind mathematics.

The discussion was closed when the Committee voted to obtain more backup information on the High School's budget. On Jan. 22 there will be a budget only Committee meeting.

## Brimming Reservoir

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the Water Department.

This week, at least the problem of water pressure should start to be alleviated. The stand-pipe has been drained, cleaned and painted and when refilled will not only act as a needed cushion for pressure within the system but also will dispense water free of sediment.

Pratt said the effects of the old system is the cause of the problems. A good water supply had to be made available to the town first, he explained, there would be no sense in installing new pipes with no water to flow through them. Most of the pipes in use today were installed with the original system in 1896 — a time when most bathrooms were situated in backyards — parts of the system can in no way handle the pressure of modern plumbing.

Come spring, with a boost from the treatment plant and all

this available water, the pipes will get a flushing. Also, within the next year, a study of long range improvements in the distribution system will be conducted, Pratt said.

Another springtime plan is open house at the treatment plant which is guaranteed to educate and impress its visitors. A look at the crystal clarity of the "finished water" in a test-tube may elucidate the fact that water being pumped to homes is of the finest quality.

According to Pratt, people will have to be patient — some residents will not receive perfectly clear water for some time, but this condition should only be temporary or spasmodic. The new distribution system has yet to come. The dam, reservoir and treatment plant are here and working.

## Around Town Hall

### INVENTORIES DUE

When Police Chief Randolph Feola submitted an inventory of everything under his control in the Police Department, Selectman Mary Jeannette Murray voiced a reminder to all town departments to complete inventories by April 1.

### MAP PROPOSAL

Jeanne Gormley of Beach Street has proposed any newly

developed maps of Cohasset commissioned or authorized by a town board be publicized at a central location 14 days prior to a public hearing.

### LICENSES RENEWED

Selectmen have renewed the Class I licenses of Autohaus, Highway Motors, Spensley Chevrolet and Cohasset Motors.

## Rehearsals

### Begin For

### 'Room Service'

Rehearsals are underway at the Cohasset Town Hall for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's winter play, **Room Service** by John Murray and Allen Boretz. **Room Service** is a comedy in three acts and is directed by Bill Shea. Production Manager is Flo Kelley; Stage Manager, Murray Campbell and Set Designer, Sheldon Ripley.

**Room Service** was produced by George Abbott in New York and the original cast had Sam Ledvene, Eddie Albert and Betty Field. It was a Marx Brothers movie vehicle in the 30's and the entire action takes place in a New York theatrical hotel room on Times Square.

**Room Service** will be presented at the Cohasset Town Hall at 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16 and 17 and tickets will be \$2.50. Thursday night will be High School night and the special price to students will be \$1.



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